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APPLICANT

Higginbotham et al.

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application for five months from November 2, 2002 to April 2, 2003.

Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27. A small entity statement under 37 CFR 1.27 has already been filed in this application.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION (37 C.F.R. § 1.6(a)(3))

I hereby certify that this document and the documents referred to the bodies of therein and the documents referred to the bodies of the bodies 09871183 transmitted via facsimile to: Technology Center 1600 (Art Unit 1636) 703-872-9306, Attn: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 2nd day of April, 2003.

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Please charge Deposit Account 26-0084 in the amount of \$985.00 to cover the cost of the five month extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 26-0084.

Respectfully submitted,

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